

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA- 869
D. Matthews House
1138 Corbett Road
Monkton, Baltimore County
1780 ca.
Private

The D. Matthews House was constructed in the small village of Piney Hill, which lay along York Road between Hereford and Philopolis. The house is representative of the many vernacular stone houses constructed throughout rural Baltimore County in the late 18th and 19th centuries. Although pre-1850 occupancy and ownership of the property is presently unknown, it was D. Matthews who resided in the dwelling in 1850. At that time, Piney Hill was only a cluster of dwellings at the intersection of Corbett and York Roads. Additionally, one of the York Road tollgates was placed in the community. Little growth occurred in the village over the following sixty years. The 1877 atlas indicates that Charles Matthews resided in the house in the late 1870s, while the Conrad family was the building's occupant in 1915. The D. Matthews House continues to serve as a single-family residence, and the surrounding landscape has retained its mid-19th century rural character through the late 1900s.

Exterior architectural evidence is supported by oral information that suggests that the D. Matthews House was initially constructed circa 1780 as a two-story, two-bay-wide dwelling and then enlarged circa 1850 by the construction of a two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide addition. This later construction established a new main block and relegated the older portion of the building to use as a wing. A vertical seam in the random rubble stone masonry is evident between the two sections. Interior end stone chimneys rise from the northeast side of the wood-shingled side gable roofs of the main block and wing. A one-story, circa 1910 porch that is four bays wide now spans the full façade, or southeast elevation, of the main block and wing. The porch has a half-hipped roof clad in standing seam metal supported by Tuscan columns that are spanned by a square-edged wood balustrade. The circa 1780 section is pierced by one sash-and-paneled single-leaf door with a one-light transom and two 6/6 windows on the first story and two 6/6 windows on the second story. The circa 1850 section features one sash-and-paneled single-leaf door with a two-light transom and two 6/6 windows on the first story. Three 6/6 windows pierce the second story of this main block. All façade openings have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. Stone lintels surmount the second-story openings on the main block. Two wood frame additions, both of which are clad in board-and-batten siding, have been constructed on the rear of the building. Six historic dependencies, including a barn, stone silo, springhouse, smokehouse, drive-through corncrib, and carriage house are located on the property. Additionally, a circa 1980 garage is sited behind the house.

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic D. Matthews House (preferred)

other Mary Glen Farm

2. Location

street and number 1138 Corbett Road not for publication

city, town Monkton vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jeffrey Springer, Trustee

street and number 1138 Corbett Road telephone Not Available

city, town Monkton state MD zip code 21111

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 9076 folio 639

city, town Towson tax map 28 tax parcel 179 tax ID number 1900005400

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Several historic dependencies are also located on the property. The circa 1850 barn is a two-and-a-half-story wood frame structure clad in flush vertical board siding with a side gable roof clad in standing seam metal. The building is banked into the hillside and features two flush-vertical-board sliding barn doors on the center of the three-bay-wide façade.

Beside the barn is a circa 1850 silo that is approximately forty feet tall and ten feet in diameter. Constructed of solid random rubble stone, the silo has a conical roof clad in sheet metal.

The circa 1850 springhouse is a one-story, one-bay-square building of solid random rubble stone construction with a wood-shingled front gable roof that hangs over the building's façade and is posted. The gable peak is clad in weatherboard. The façade is pierced by one flush-vertical-board single-leaf wood door with a hewn log surround.

The circa 1900 smokehouse is a one-story, one-bay-square stretcher bond brick building with a front gable roof. A paneled single-leaf door with a square-edged wood surround and jack-arched brick lintel pierces the façade.

Dating to circa 1900 is the two-story barn/drive-through corncrib. The wood frame building, which is clad in flush vertical board siding, features a front gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. A large open bay marks the center of the three-bay-wide building. The gable peak is pierced by a small window opening.

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The circa 1900 carriage house has been extensively renovated and features a coursed rubble stone foundation that supports a wood frame structural system clad in board-and-batten siding. A brick veneer has been applied to the façade of the two-story building.

The circa 1980 garage appears to make use of an earlier stone foundation. This possibility was not verified at the time of the exterior survey. The three-bay-wide building features an asphalt-shingled side gable roof with board-and-batten siding in the gable ends.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1780 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1780 ca., 1850 ca., 1900 ca., 1990 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Vernacular buildings tend to have little to no stylistic detailing and are typically constructed by local builders with locally available tools and materials. Vernacular architecture accounts for the majority of the built environment and reflects the traditions of society, rather than the whims of the architect.³ Throughout Baltimore County, there are a number of vernacular stone houses from this period. Stone was readily available in the county, with both marble and granite quarries located throughout the region. Commonly, these random rubble stone dwellings are two stories in height, single-pile with side gable roofs. This continuity of form is a result of folk architecture and the reliance on constructing forms that had been built by the previous generation.

¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877); see also *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

³ Dell Upton and John Michael Vlach, editors, *Common Places: Readings in American Vernacular Architecture*, (Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 1986), pp. xv-xvi.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.5 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hereford Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1780, the D. Matthews House has been associated with the 19.50 acres of land known as tax parcel 179 of map 28 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

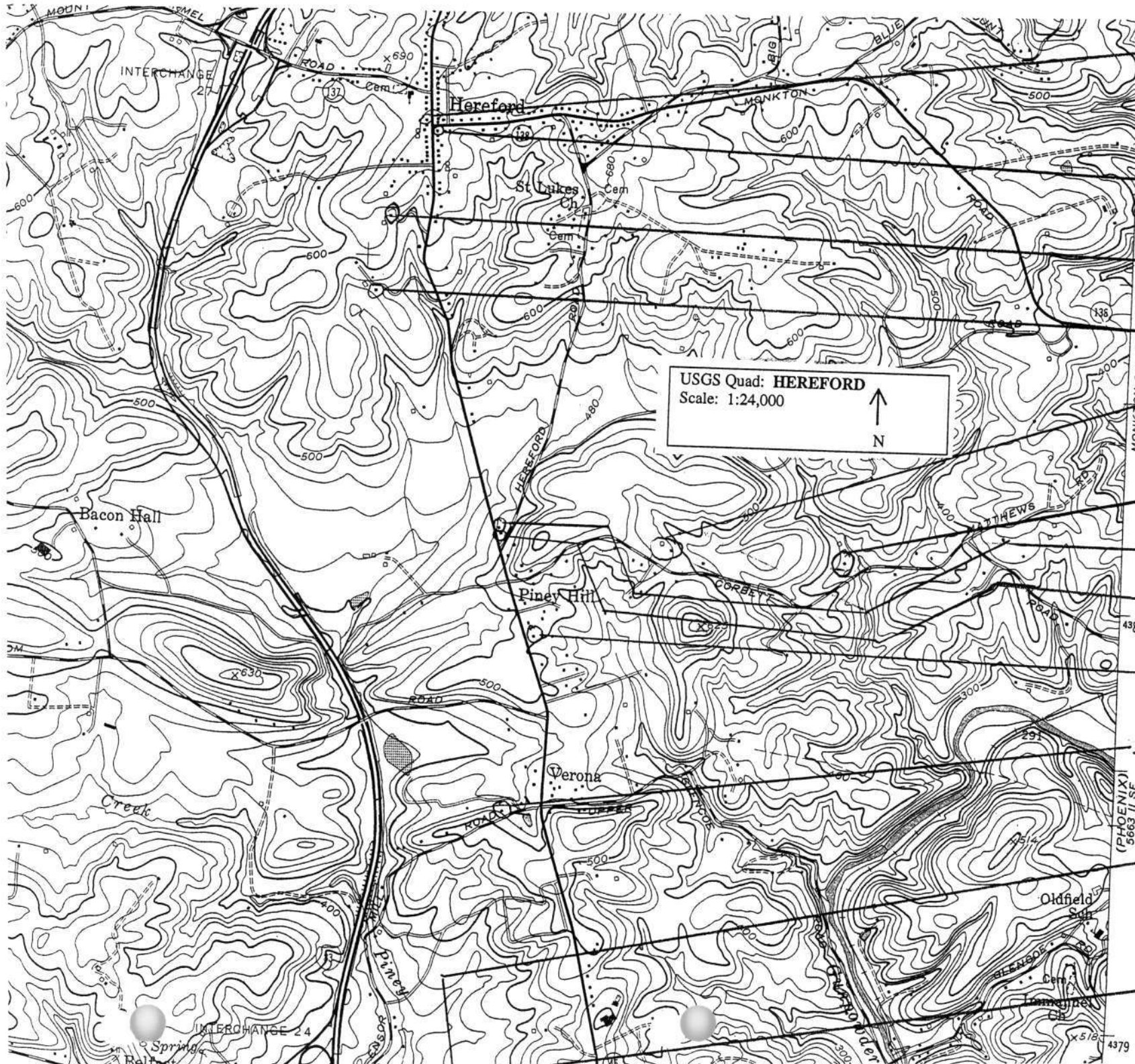
11. Form Prepared by

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street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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SPRINGHOUSE

MARY GLEN FARM - 1850-1875 - North side of Corbett Road, 0.95 mile east of York Road. Stone, two-segment house in vernacular style, with gable roofing, two stories in each part. Three-bay main block; two bays in smaller and lower wing. Full-width front porch. Large flush chimney at east end of both sections. Good condition. Also red frame barn, stone springhouse with cantilevered roof over entrance, and early stone silo. Shown as Chas. Matthews house in 1877 atlas, as the Conrad house in 1898 and 1915 atlases. Owner: G. William Sattler.